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Office Action Summary

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GALLANT ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: the term “whereby” make the claim vague and indefinite because applicant never recite “a data path” before. Appropriate correction is required.
2. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: “control manager.” In lines 5 and 6 are incorrect because the punctuation mark (.) at the end of sentences. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 4, 6-8, and 12-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

- Regarding to claim 4, “assigning a calling party number for said session at said first device; and assigning a called party number for said session at said second device” is not described in the specification in such a way to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art.

- Regarding to claims 6, 12, “assigning a temporary calling party address for said session at said first access control manager; and assigning a temporary called party address for said first access control manager” is not described in the specification in such a way to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-4, and 20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagami et al. (US Patent No. 5835710) in view of Borella et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6731642 B1).

- With respect to claims 1-2, 4 and 20-23, Nagami discloses a system and method for providing multimedia conferencing services (voice, data and/or video) over an ATM network interconnecting IP customer premises (Fig. 1):

transporting IP telephone media for the session between the calling party and a first device, which is router (block 601 in Fig. 1), having IP telephony capability and ATM capability (col. 42, lines 13-32);

transporting IP telephone media for the session between the called party and a second device, which is router (block 601 in Fig. 1), having IP telephony capability and ATM capability (col. 13-32); and

establishing an ATM virtual circuit for the session between the first device and the second device (e.g. the ATM LAN in Fig. 1). Nagami fails to teach a data path for the telephone session is secured by the use of proxy addressing. Borella teaches the proxy client component for transporting information over network (col. 3, lines 35-37). The proxy client component can be implemented into the router of Nagami for securing and communicating between networks. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the proxy server for security proposes in the communication system.

- With respect to claims 3 and 24, Nagami discloses all the aspect of the claimed invention as set forth above but fails to teach wherein the first device is identified by a temporary session IP proxy address for the called party; and the second device is identified by a temporary session IP proxy address for the calling party. Borella teaches allocated proxy address for the session for the called party and calling party (col. 12, lines 23-27). The proxy address can be implemented into the called party and calling party of Nagami for securing and communicating between networks. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the proxy address for security in the communication system.

7. Claims 5-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Borella et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6731642 B1) in view of Han (U.S. Patent No. 6351465 B1) .

- With respect to claim 5-8,12-14, and 16-17, Borella teaches a method for providing quality of service in an IP telephony session between a calling party and a called party (Fig. 1), which comprises the steps of:

assigning a temporary IP proxy address to the called party at a first access control manager (col. 12 , lines 24-25), the first access control manager being configured to couple an IP network to a second network at a first access point (blocks 22 and 18 in Fig. 1);

assigning a temporary IP proxy address to the calling party at a second access control managers (col. 12, lines 26-27), the second access control manager being configured to couple the IP network to the second network at a second access point (blocks 20 and 28 in Fig. 1);

Borella fails to teach an assigning a temporary second network calling party address for the session at the first access control manager; assigning a temporary second network calling party address for the session at the second access control manager; establishing a switch virtual circuit for the session between the first access control manager and the second access control manager.

Han teaches the second network (ATM in Fig. 5) and assigning an address for calling party and called party (col. 8, lines 15-16) and establishing a switch virtual circuit for the section between the first access control manager and the second access control manager (col. 8, lines 17-18). The establishing the second network for the section and assigning the address for calling and called party can be implemented by connecting the ATM network of Han between the routers (18 and 20 in Fig. 1 of Borella). The motivation for using ATM network to provide a quality of service in the communication between the calling and called party. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was

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made to implement the ATM network and assigning the ATM address for the calling and called party to provide a QoS in the communication system.

- With respect to claims 9, & 15, Borella further teaches the steps of:

routing IP media traffic from the calling party to the called party IP proxy address at the first access control manager (Fig. 1 from block 24 to 18); and

routing IP media traffic from the called party to the calling party IP proxy address at the second access control manager (Fig. 1 from 27 to 20).

- With respect to claims 10-11, & 18-19, Borella discloses all the aspect of the claimed invention as set forth above but fails to teach the steps of:

translating IP media traffic received at the called party IP proxy address to ATM traffic for transport through the virtual circuit from the first access control manager to the second access control manager; and translating IP media traffic received at the calling party IP proxy address to ATM traffic for transport through the virtual circuit from the second access control manager to the first access control manager.

Han teaches the translating IP to ATM (col. 5, lines 25-31; col. 8, lines 15-16). The translation IP traffic to ATM traffic can be implemented at the router of Borella. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to implement the translating IP traffic to ATM traffic for transmitting data with QoS in ATM network.

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Response to Arguments

8. The following claims 3-4, and 5-19 were indicated allowable by examiner in previous office action; however, these claims are unpatentable in view of new arts. Therefore, these indicated claims are withdrawn.

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO form 892.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUC H TRAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3172. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RAO SEEMA can be reached on (571) 272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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